



Missouri Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report 2014-2015 Influenza Season¹

Week 8: February 22 – February 28, 2015

All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

Summary:

- The estimated influenza activity in Missouri is Regional.²
- A season-to-date total of 44,593 laboratory-positive³ influenza cases have been reported in Missouri. Influenza A remains the predominant type reported this season. Influenza B viruses accounted for 61% of reported cases during Week 8. No laboratory-confirmed influenza cases were reported by the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) during Week 8.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has antigenically characterized 11 influenza isolates so far this influenza season from Missouri: five A (H3N2) A/TEXAS/50/2012-like, four A H3N2 viruses antigenically similar to the A/Switzerland/9715293/2013, one B/MASSACHUSETTS/02/2012-like, and one B/BRISBANE/60/2008-like. Influenza A/TEXAS/50/2012-like and B/MASSACHUSETTS/02/2012-like are included in the 2014-2015 influenza vaccine for the Northern Hemisphere. B/Brisbane/60/2008-like is included in the 2014-2015 Northern Hemisphere quadrivalent influenza vaccine. Influenza A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 is related to, but antigenically and genetically distinguishable, from the A/Texas/50/2012 vaccine virus and accounts for 69.7% of viruses from U.S. laboratories from October 1, 2014 – February 21, 2015. <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>
- Influenza-like illness activity is above baseline for both the Missouri Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet) and hospital emergency room visit chief complaint data reported through ESSENCE. The reported percentage of visits for ILI was 2.67% and 2.0% through ILINet and ESSENCE respectively⁴.
- The highest rate of laboratory-positive influenza cases were among children aged 0-4 years (16 cases per 100,000 population). One influenza-associated pediatric death has been reported in Missouri to date, this influenza season. Deaths involving Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) reported to the Bureau of Vital Records increased to 116 deaths during Week 7, resulting in a season-to-date total of 1,891 P&I associated deaths in Missouri⁵.
- No outbreaks of influenza or ILI were reported during Week 8 in Missouri. No ILI-associated school closures were reported during Week 8.
- National influenza activity and surveillance information is prepared by the CDC. The information including a weekly report (FLUVIEW) is available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

¹The 2014-2015 influenza season in Missouri began CDC Week 40 (Week ending October 4, 2014) through CDC Week 20 (week ending May 23, 2015).

²Regional is defined as: Increased ILI in at least 2 regions but less than half of the regions, AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions. OR Institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least 2 regions, but fewer than half of the regions, AND recent lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions.

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⁴Influenza-like Illness (ILI) is defined as fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat without a known cause other than influenza.

⁵The P&I data are available one week later. The P&I data for the CDC Week provided is the most current data available.

Surveillance Data:

Interactive Maps

The county specific influenza data are provided through interactive maps available at <https://emgis.oa.mo.gov/DPS/BriefingMaps/?bookId=7d3518410ef2420aa8974a38ed7a9474>. Click on the county to view the influenza data specific to that county.

- Reported Laboratory -positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by County, CDC Week 8
- Reported Laboratory -positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by County, Season-to-Date
- Percentage of Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases Reported to be Influenza Type A

Data Tables and Graphs

Table 1. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by Influenza Type, Missouri, CDC Week 6 - 8 (February 8 – February 28, 2015)

| Influenza Type | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | 2014-2015* Season-to-Date |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Influenza A | 506 | 310 | 130 | 40,234 |
| Influenza B | 274 | 312 | 210 | 3,190 |
| Influenza Unknown Or Untyped | 38 | 28 | 5 | 1,169 |
| Total | 818 | 650 | 345 | 44,593 |

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*Influenza Season begins Week Ending October 4, 2014 (CDC Week 40) Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv).

Table 2. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Age Group, Missouri, CDC Week 8 (February 22 – February 28, 2015)

| Age Group | Week 8 Cases | Week 8 Rate [‡] | 2014-2015* Season-to-Date | 2014-2015* Season-to-Date Rate [‡] |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 00-04 | 60 | 16 | 8,379 | 2,209 |
| 05-14 | 68 | 9 | 12,875 | 1,639 |
| 15-64 | 159 | 4 | 16,781 | 422 |
| 65+ | 58 | 7 | 6,558 | 743 |
| Total | 345 | 6 | 44,593 | 741 |

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[‡]Incidence Rate per 100,000 population

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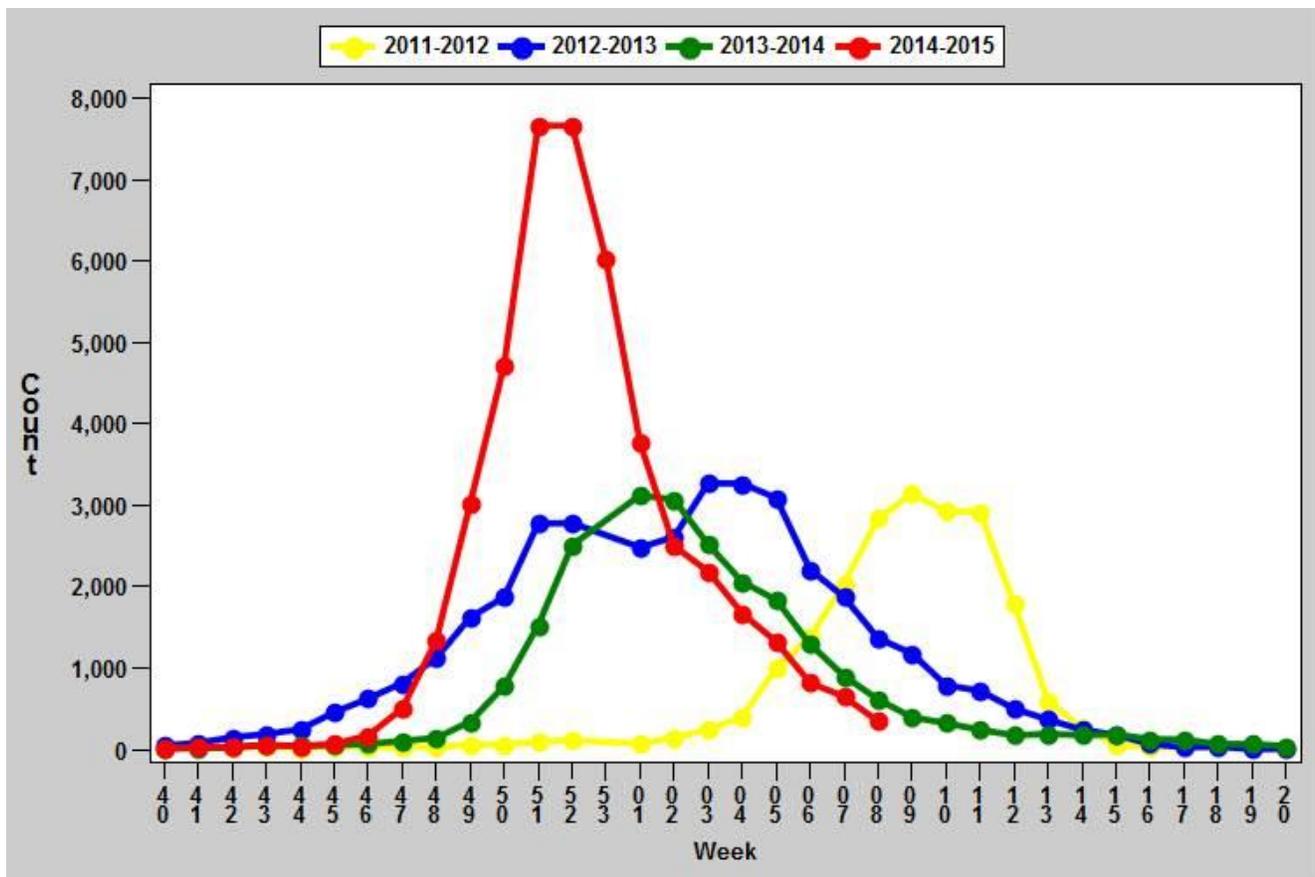
| District | Week 8 Cases | Week 8 Rate [‡] | 2014-2015* Season-to-Date | 2014-2015* Season-to-Date Rate [‡] |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| CE | 40 | 6 | 6,043 | 902 |
| EA | 146 | 7 | 12,130 | 541 |
| NW | 98 | 6 | 13,004 | 824 |
| SE | 44 | 9 | 5,307 | 1,118 |
| SW | 17 | 2 | 8,109 | 767 |
| Total | 345 | 6 | 44,593 | 741 |

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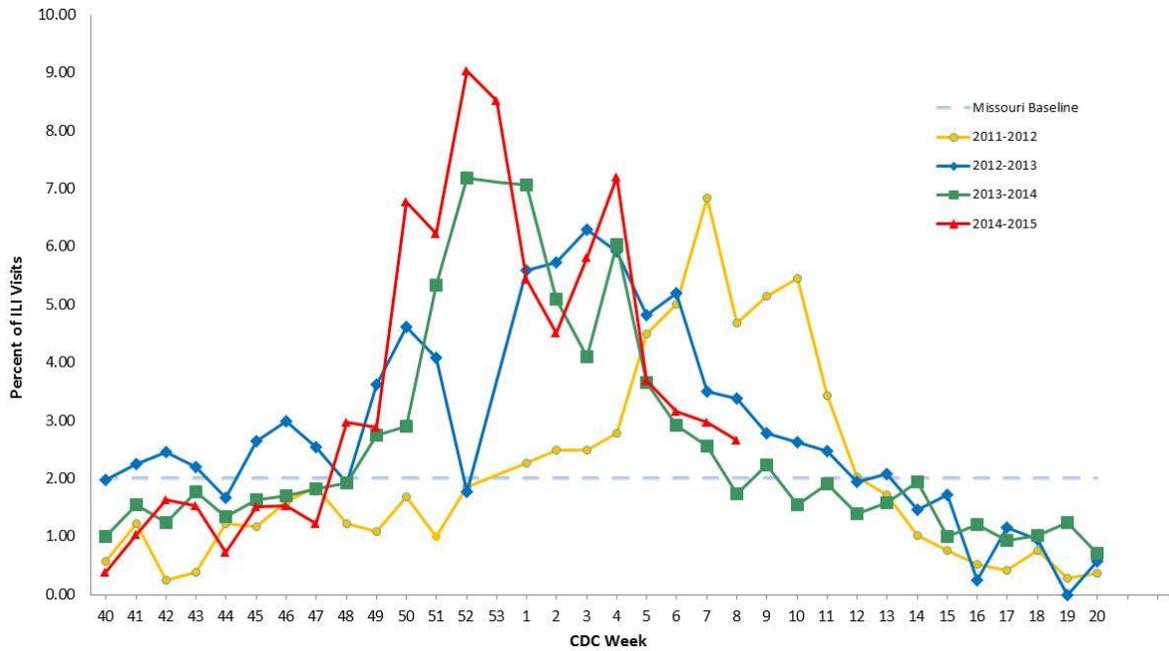
Graph 1. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by CDC Week, Missouri, 2011-2015*



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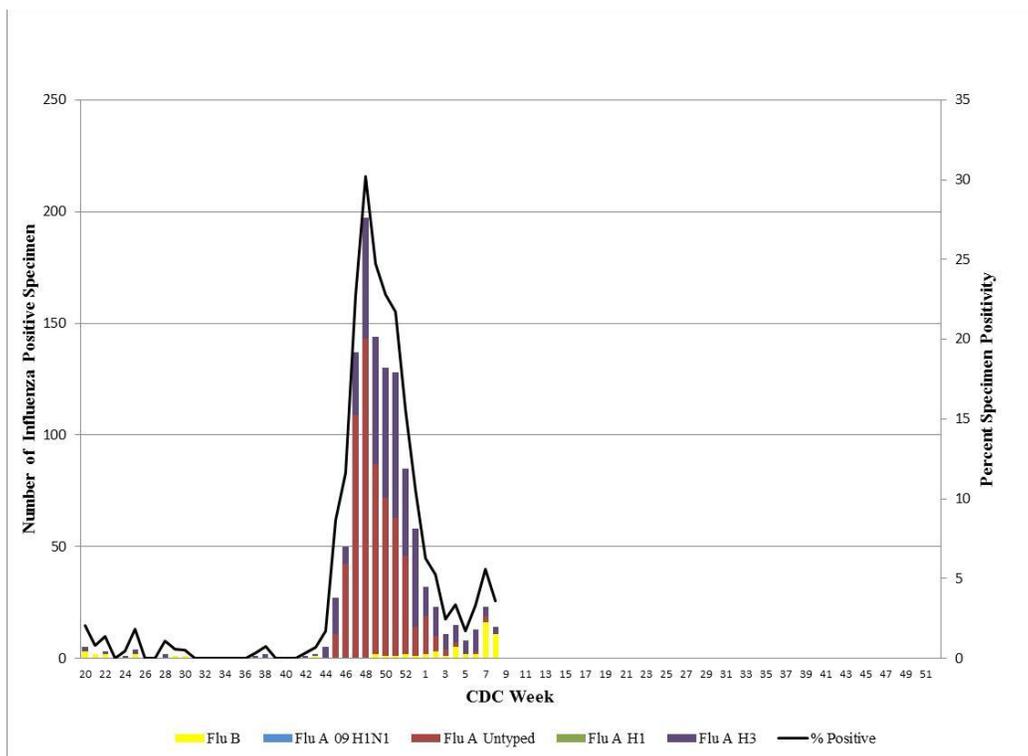
*2014-2015 Season-to-Date through the week ending February 28, 2015 (Week 8). Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv).

Graph 2. Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like-Illness (ILI), Missouri Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet) 2011-2015*



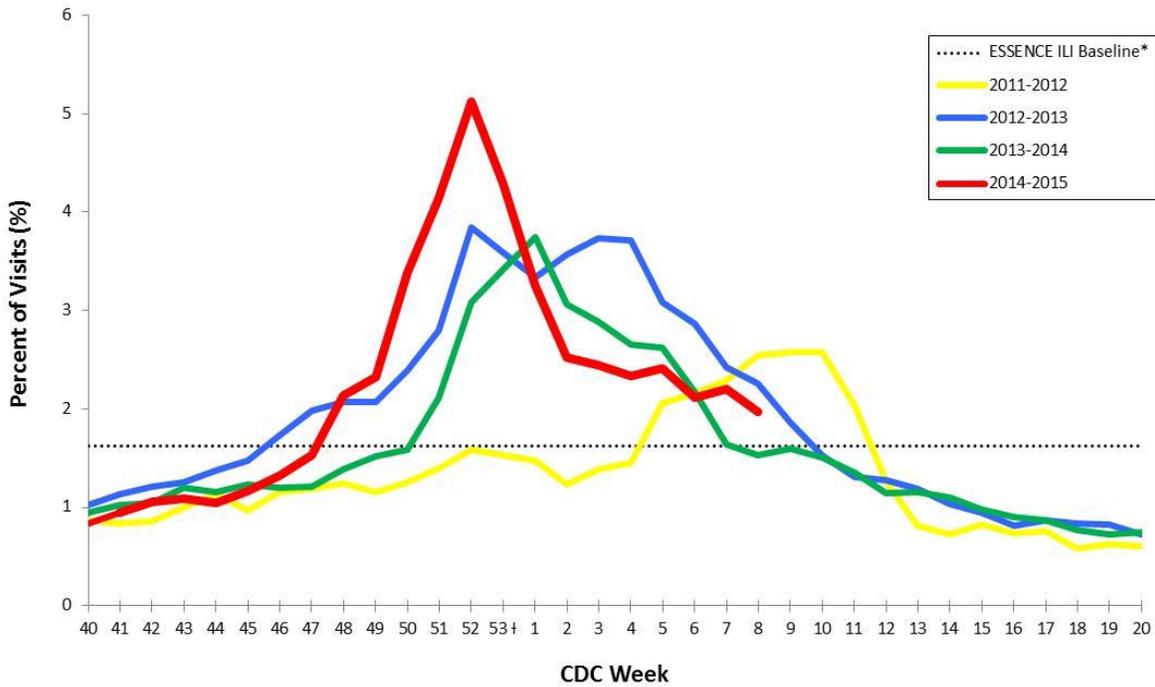
*2014-2015 Season-to-Date through the week ending February 28, 2015 (Week 8)

Graph 3. St. Louis Children’s Hospital Season-to-Date PCR (+) and Rapid Influenza Tests



*Data Source: St. Louis Children’s Hospitals
 *This data is based on testing in all age groups in St Louis metro and SE Missouri
 *Influenza Season begins Week Ending October 4, 2014 (CDC Week 40)

Graph 4. Percentage of Emergency Room Visits with Chief Complaint of Influenza-like Illness (ILI), ESSENCE Participating Hospitals in Missouri, 2011-2015[†]



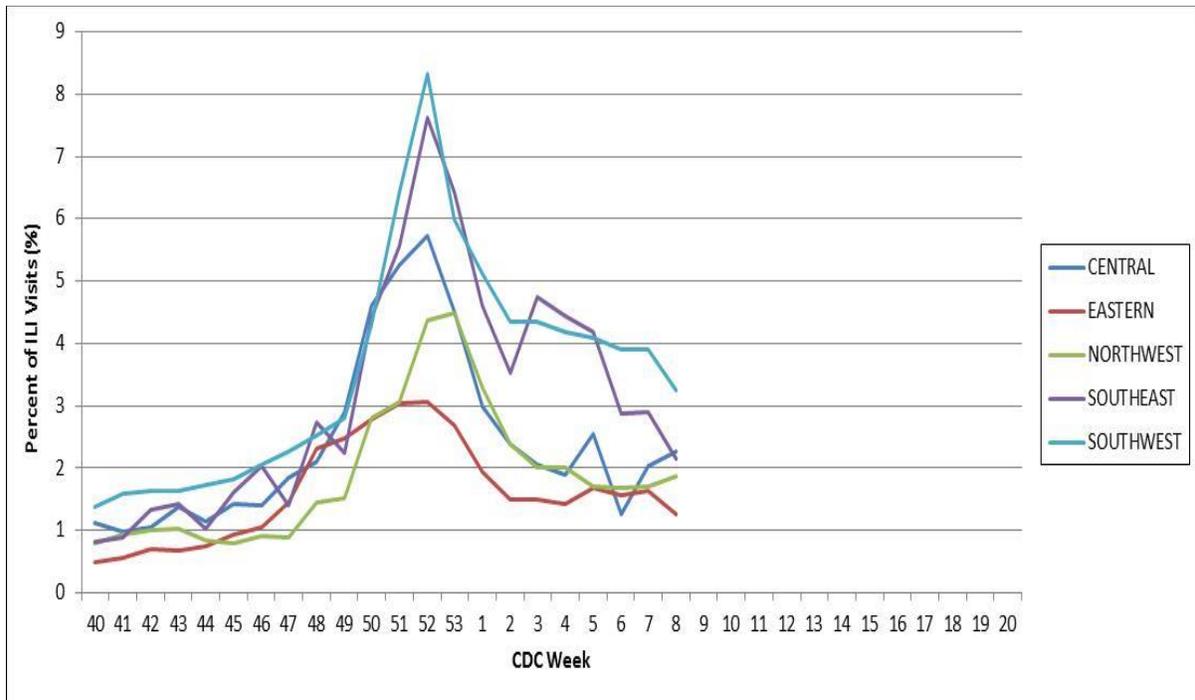
[†] Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE. Includes data from 103 reporting facilities in Missouri (<http://health.mo.gov/data/essence/pdf/moimap.pdf>).
 *ESSENCE ILI Baseline is the mean percent of ILI visits for each week during the previous three years (2011-13) when percentage of ILI visits were less than 2% of total visits, plus two standard deviations.

Table 4. Percentage of Emergency Room Visits with Chief Complaint of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) from ESSENCE Participating Hospitals by Age Group, Missouri, CDC Week 8 (February 22 – February 28, 2015)

| District | Age 0-4 | Age 5-17 | Age 18-44 | Age 45-64 | Age 65+ | Total Percentage |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Northwest | 3.6% | 3.1% | 1.8% | 1.5% | 0.7% | 1.9% |
| Central | 6.4% | 4.3% | 2.3% | 0.7% | 0.4% | 2.3% |
| Eastern | 2.8% | 1.6% | 1.4% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 1.3% |
| Southeast | 7.9% | 3.5% | 1.3% | 1.3% | 1.3% | 2.2% |
| Southwest | 10.1% | 6.7% | 2.2% | 1.9% | 0.9% | 3.3% |
| Statewide | 5.1% | 3.4% | 1.8% | 1.3% | 0.7% | 2.0% |

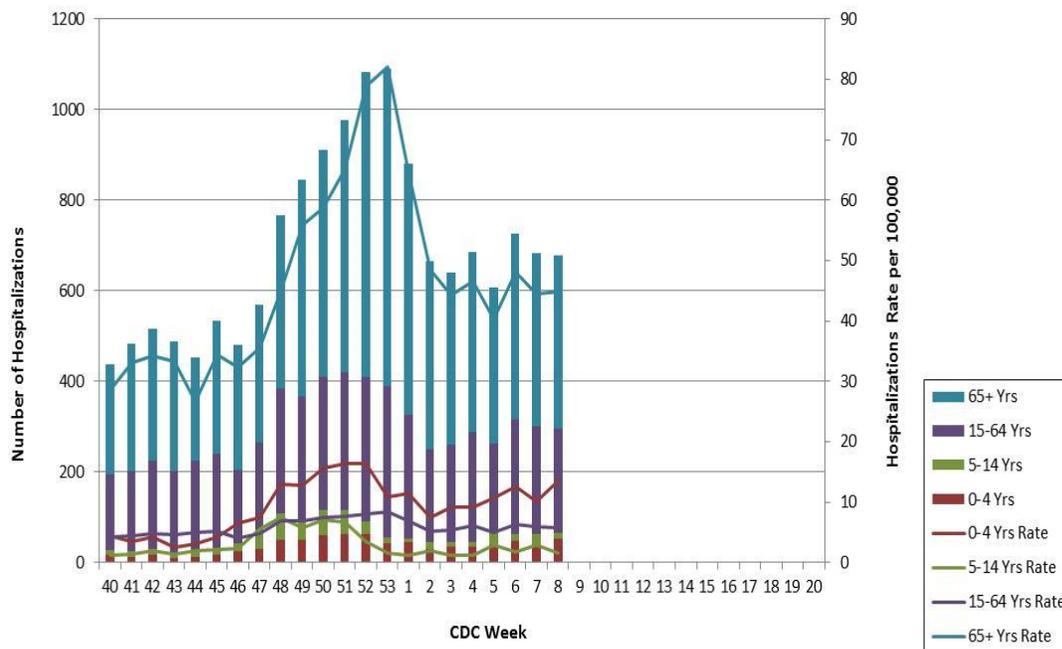
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Graph 5. Percentage of Emergency Room Visits with the Chief Complaint of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) for each District by CDC Week, ESSENCE Participating Hospitals in Missouri, 2014-2015*



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Graph 6. Number and Rate of Patients by Age Group Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes at Participating Missouri Hospitals, by CDC Week, 2014-2015*



† Data Source: Hospitalization data from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE HL7 messaging portal. Includes data from 103 reporting facilities in Missouri (<http://health.mo.gov/data/essence/pdf/moimap.pdf>). Population data from DHSS Population MICA 2012 (<http://health.mo.gov/data/mica/mica/population.php>). *2014-2015 Season-to-Date through the week ending February 28, 2015 (Week 8)

Additional Influenza Data Sources:

St Louis Children's Hospital Laboratory: <http://slchlabbtestguide.bjc.org/Default.aspx?url=7fc7ae5e-0d4b-4ffa-baab-7fa34d1545c3>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Influenza Surveillance (FLUVIEW)
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

World Health Organization: International Influenza Surveillance:
http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/